

TENDRING LOCALITY BOARD MEETING

14th January 2016

Meeting Notes

Item	Action/Notes
Date	14 January 2016 1800hrs – 2025hrs
Location	Council Chamber, Weeley
1. Attendees	Cllr Neil Stock (Chair), Cllr Lynda McWilliams (TDC), Cllr Alan Goggin(ECC), Cllr Mick Page (ECC), Cllr Carlo Guglielmi (TDC), Cllr Paul Honeywood (TDC), Cllr Michael Talbot (TDC), Cllr Giles Watling (TDC), Robert Taylor (TDALC) Ian Davidson (TDC), Martyn Knappett (TDC), Alastair Gordon (ECC), Graham Lancaster (ECC), Jennese Alozie (ECC), Ian Pearson (TESS), Sally Cornish (TDC)
2. Apologies for Absence	Cllr Kevin Bentley (ECC), Cllr Andy Wood (ECC) , Cllr Tom Howard (TDC), Cllr Andy Erskine (ECC), Cllr Mick Skeels (TDC) & Cllr Nick Turner (TDC)
3. Public Forum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
4. Notes of Last Meeting	1 st October 2015 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreed.
5. Matters Arising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
6. Education Update	<p>Graham Lancaster and Jennese Alozie, ECC</p> <p>Jennese Alozie – Commissioner Standards & Excellence for Secondary Education, presented the picture for secondary education in Essex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Results for Maths & English across the District is not good • Cllr Stock – requested the statistics for how many Tendring children are not educated in Tendring – ACTION 1: Jennese will provide those direct to Cllr Stock. • ID asked – What is Jennese’s view on the closure of TESS? – Jennese advised that it can’t be compared as it is a totally different provision – would be better to look at progress figures for TESS, taking into account the context of the figures across the District – ACTION 2: – Jennese to send the data direct to Ian Davidson • Generally across the District, need to look at incentives we can offer to attract teacher’s to come to Essex – suggest subsidised housing • Cllr Honeywood – look at issue of key worker housing that Tendring’s housing stock could be used for • What can be done to help these figures? ACTION 3: Jennese to come back on this point. <p>Graham Lancaster – Commissioner Standards & Excellence for Primary Schools, presented the picture for primary education in Essex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priorities for 15/16 included narrowing the gap between pupil premium pupils and non pupil premium; All schools good or outstanding; SEN Strategy • Recruitment & retention is still a pressure • 225k funding for the campaign to recruit teachers and retain • Teach First – why not in Essex? For some reason Essex isn’t a priority area. Graham to take back to the group and discuss. • The primary “gap” in Tendring shows very positive figures • Only one Ofsted inspection since September 2015 – Ofsted are running behind schedule

Ian Pearson, TESS, presented on the future of Tendring Enterprise Studio School

- 167 Students currently
- Range of nine courses offered for students aged 16 to 18
- Combination of age groups allows wide range of courses
- Only setting offering these vocational courses in the district
- Students have one day a week in placement for the duration of their course
- Enterprise and Employability studies – unique courses provided
- Businesses also run from the site – students support these
- Very successful Charity Evening raised £700 for a sit down meal – 55 covers, food cooked, presented, cleared all by students
- TESS is for students that are practically focussed.
- TESS is unique
- Due to close in August this year
- Decision by the AET

If TESS closes:

- No schools are offering a wide range of vocational courses
- Post 16, most schools in Tendring have dropped their level 1 & 2 courses
- No post 16 SEND provision in Tendring
- No land based courses in Tendring.
- Impact – many more “failed” students; increased mental health issues and exclusions;
- Aim to establish an alternative provision, free school as a successor school by September 2017
- Keen to secure an interim offer, in place by this September 16.
- Working Party to build capacity.
- Met with Multi Academy Trusts
- Raise awareness with local government bodies.
- Cllr Guglielmi – clear that TESS is the very thing that Tendring needs. Asked whose decision was it to pull the funding? Ian Pearson confirmed it was an academy funding decision - Educational funding agency.
- Variety of issues behind decision – some political
- Locality Board keen to put pressure on Education Commissioner, Tim Coulson.
- Cllr Goggin – What would success be for TESS? Ian Pearson confirmed it would be to continue to provide for students and still be open in September. County Council is influential in working with the DfE.
- Was not the DfE’s decision. Decision made by the sponsor to withdraw from the funding agreement.
- ID – asked, when there was consultation for the closure, did they respond to the provision issue? There was no consultation – simply told the funding provision would be taken away.
- Gangs issue in Tendring – is that affecting the school? – Not inside the school. No issues of gangs arising in the school or impacting the school
- Mental Health – lots of bullying issues from previous schools – pressure on children to perform as schools are under pressure – anxiety issues – TESS is a very small school and can combat these issues.
- Cllr Page & Cllr McWilliams – Keen that the Locality Board sets up meeting the Portfolio Holder for Education at County Hall to look at this issue – **ACTION 4:** – Sally to arrange via Cllr Bentley’s office. County Members invited to attend.
- Cllr Stock – recalls a PFI issue on that site previously. Therefore agrees discussion needs to be had at County.
- Cllr Watling – major value is because TESS is a unique school . Need to establish what the actual cost is from the sponsor – budget for school was £1.5m last year – same level of funding that any mainstream school would get.
- MBK – Informed the Locality Board that Ian Pearson has attended Tendring’s

	<p>Education Overview & Scrutiny Committee previously. Cllr McWilliams, Cllr Fairley and MBK are meeting at officer level with ECC imminently on this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will be added to Agenda for meeting between ID/Leader and County Cabinet on 8th February. ACTION 5 - Sally • The Locality Board thanked Ian Pearson for a very informative presentation.
7. Devolution	<p>Alastair Gordon & Ian Davidson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaders and Chief Execs met today on the Governance work stream • With regards to the deal – it's about asking for what we want and showing what we will deliver in return
8. Greater Essex Independent Economic Commission	<p>Alastair Gordon, ECC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The work on the GEIEC is progressing as wider part of work on Devolution • Help overcome difficulties in the economic performance of the County • Commission Membership – Dame Kate Barker and Jonathan Haskel so far. • Strong representation from local businesses • Support from Essex based Universities • A resource for Leaders to use and will also help to make the case when going to Government with a devolution deal
9. AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
10. Date of Next Meeting	<p><u>Future Locality Board Dates – 2016</u></p> <p>Thursday 24th March Thursday 12th May- Educations Update Thursday 21st July Thursday 29th September – Education Update Thursday 24th November</p>